



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 10, 1999

Mary Catherine Malin, Esquire
Office of Diplomatic Law and Litigation
Office of the Legal Advisor
United States Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

RE: MUR 4583

Dear Mary Catherine:

This follows our telephone conversation of September 1, 1999. As we discussed, the Commission closed this matter on August 26, 1999. Attached is a letter to be forwarded to the Embassy of India. After a matter closes, the confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and the file is placed on the public record. Although we are required to place the file on the public record within 30 days, the file could be made public at any time during that period. Please contact me as soon as possible if you want to discuss any of the documents your Office sent us. I can be reached at 202-694-1650. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dominique Dillenseger".

Dominique Dillenseger
Attorney

Attachment

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His Excellency Naresh Chandra
Ambassador of India
2107 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008-2811

RE: MUR 4583

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

In our letter dated November 23, 1998, we informed you that the Federal Election Commission had made probable cause findings against the Embassy of India and Davendra Singh for violations of 2 U.S.C. §§ 441e and 441f, provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. We also informed you that the Commission had determined to refer the matter to the United States Department of Justice for its consideration pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(C).

On July 20, 1999, the Department of Justice advised the Commission that it had declined to pursue the matter. Subsequently, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission, on August 26, 1999, determined to take no further action against the Embassy of India and Davendra Singh and closed its file in this matter.

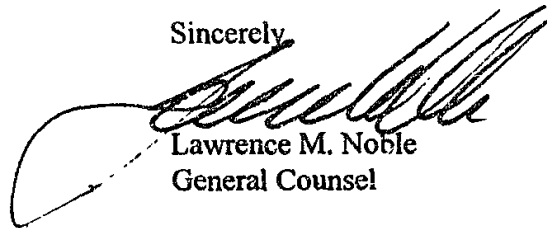
The Commission reminds the Embassy of India that it is a violation of U.S. laws for foreign nationals, including foreign governments, to make contributions in connection with any U.S. elections. It is also a violation of U.S. laws to make reimbursed federal campaign contributions. The Embassy of India should take steps to ensure that its personnel comply with U.S. laws and refrain from engaging in this type of activity in the future.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt. Please

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feel free to telephone me directly with any further questions you may have, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lawrence M. Noble", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

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